



WASHINGTON POTATOES

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PROCESSING POTATOES

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 55,320 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes to April 1, 2006, 1,820 thousand cwt. less than the 57,140 thousand cwt. processed during the same period last year, and 3,180 thousand cwt. less than the 58,500 thousand cwt. processed during the same time frame two years ago. Processing to April 1, 2006 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 47.8 percent of the 2005 production. Dehydrating usage in the nine processing states, excluding starch and flour, accounted for 27,180 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, NINE STATES, 2004 & 2005 1/

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore.	2004-05	10,470	17,390	24,360	30,840	36,820	44,610	51,000	58,090	65,800	84,600
	2005-06	8,370	15,740	22,590	28,960	35,570	42,800	50,220	-	-	-
Maine 2/	2004-05	-	-	1,540	1,970	2,600	3,135	3,700	4,340	4,910	6,590
	2005-06	-	-	1,290	1,805	2,405	3,015	3,740	-	-	-
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	2004-05	17,970	24,990	32,305	38,130	43,570	50,730	57,140	63,855	71,355	78,680
	2005-06 3/	16,620	23,645	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,290	55,320	-	-	-
Other States 4/	2004-05	-	-	12,490	15,000	17,965	20,910	24,150	27,480	30,945	41,175
	2005-06 3/	-	-	11,820	15,030	17,980	21,230	24,055	-	-	-
TOTAL.	2004-05	-	-	70,695	85,940	100,955	119,385	135,990	153,765	173,010	211,045
	2005-06 3/	-	-	66,010	81,690	96,500	115,335	133,335	-	-	-
Dehydrated 5/	2004-05	-	-	14,525	18,540	21,875	25,970	30,020	33,685	38,505	47,805
	2005-06	-	-	12,180	15,920	19,515	23,210	27,180	-	-	-

- No monthly data available.

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, and WI.

2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

3/ March revised.

4/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

5/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

POTATO STOCKS

Potatoes stored in Washington on April 1, 2006 were estimated at 24,500 thousand cwt., 2,500 thousand cwt. more than the 22,000 thousand cwt. in storage on April 1, 2005, and 3,000 thousand cwt. more than the 21,500 thousand cwt. in storage on April 1, 2004. Disappearance of the State's crop to date was 70,980 thousand cwt. compared with 71,810 thousand cwt. a year ago.

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April Potato Stocks Down 11 Percent from Last Year

The 13 major potato States held 114 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2006, down 11 percent from last year and 9 percent below April 1, 2004, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 31 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, down 1 percentage point from last year.

Western States held 85.7 million cwt of potatoes in storage on April 1, down 7 percent from last year. Idaho's potato stocks are down 18 percent from last year, Colorado's potato sheds held 13 percent less than last year, Montana's stocks dropped 11 percent from last season, and stocks in California decreased 22 percent from 2005. Washington's potato stocks are up 11 percent from last year and Oregon's stocks increased 37 percent from last season.

Central States accounted for 20.9 million cwt of potato stocks on April 1, down 27 percent from last year for comparable States. North Dakota's potato stocks decreased 53 percent from last year and Minnesota's stocks are down 31 percent from 2005. Michigan and Wisconsin potato stocks are unchanged from the same date in 2005.

Eastern States stored 7.30 million cwt of potatoes on April 1, down 6 percent from last year for comparable States. Maine's potato sheds held 9 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks increased 67 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS, 2000-2005, WASHINGTON & 15 FALL STATES

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
WASHINGTON	1,000 Cwt.							
2000	105,000	59,000	52,000	44,500	37,500	29,500	21,500	13,000
2001	94,400	53,000	46,000	40,000	32,500	25,000	18,000	10,000
2002	92,340	50,000	43,500	38,500	30,500	23,000	16,500	9,000
2003	93,150	51,000	44,000	38,000	29,500	21,500	15,000	7,000
2004	93,810	50,000	43,000	36,500	29,000	22,000	15,500	8,000
2005	95,480	52,000	46,000	40,000	32,000	24,500		
15 STATES 1/								
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	81,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005 2/	372,581	251,800	218,900	187,600	153,700	113,900		

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ Thirteen major states.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON APRIL 1, 2005 AND APRIL 1, 2006 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2004			CROP OF 2005		
	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2005	April 1 Stocks as % of Production	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2006	April 1 Stocks as % of Production
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California	3,648	900	25	3,240	700	22
Colorado	23,791	9,000	38	22,292	7,800	35
Idaho	131,970	52,000	39	116,975	42,500	36
Maine	19,065	7,500	39	15,736	6,800	43
Michigan	13,650	2,200	16	13,920	2,200	16
Minnesota	18,920	6,500	34	17,630	4,500	26
Montana	3,551	1,900	54	3,434	1,700	50
Nebraska 2/	9,288			8,245	2,200	27
New York	5,184	300	6	5,226	500	10
N. Dakota	26,765	10,300	38	20,500	4,800	23
Ohio 2/ 3/	1,080					
Oregon	19,775	6,200	31	22,023	8,500	39
Pennsylvania 3/	2,640	500	19			
Washington	93,810	22,000	23	95,480	24,500	26
Wisconsin	30,450	7,200	24	27,880	7,200	26
Other States		2,400				
15 STS TOTAL 4/	403,587	128,900	32	372,581	113,900	31

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

3/ Stock estimates discontinued in 2005.

4/ Thirteen States for the 2005 crop.